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President: Mr. Sajdik (Austria)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.05 p.m.

Election of the Bureau

1. **The President** recalled that, at its first meeting, held on 14 January 2014, the Council had postponed the election of one Vice-President, pending the nomination of a candidate by the Eastern European States. He had been informed that those States had since endorsed the candidacy of Croatia to fill that vacancy. He took it that the Council wished to elect Mr. Drobnjak (Croatia), who had been nominated by the Eastern European States, to the post of Vice-President of the Council.

2. *It was so decided.*

3. *Mr. Drobnjak (Croatia) was elected Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council by acclamation.*

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (E/2014/1, E/2014/2, E/2014/8 and E/2014/L.1)

Draft decision E/2014/L.1: "Programme of work of the Economic and Social Council for 2014"

4. **The President** drew attention to the draft decision entitled "Programme of work of the Economic and Social Council for 2014" (E/2014/L.1). The special high-level meeting of the Council with the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development mentioned in the draft decision would be held on 14 April 2014 and the morning of 15 April 2014; the two-day partnership forum, to be organized jointly by the President of the General Assembly and himself, would be held on 9 and 10 April 2014; while the mandated Council meeting on tax matters would be held tentatively on 5 June 2014. A new sub-paragraph had been suggested for addition to the end of paragraph (a) of the draft decision, which read as follows: "(vii) The five non-ministerial days of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, convened under the auspices of the Council, will be held from Monday, 30 June through Thursday, 1 July 2014. The three-day ministerial meeting of the forum will be held from 7 to 9 July 2014".

5. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council), reading out suggested corrections to the information contained in annex II of E/2014/1, said that the title of

item 2 of the provisional agenda should read "Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters" with the words "programme of work" deleted. A new item 3 should be added to the provisional agenda to read "Basic programme of work of the Council"; and all subsequent agenda items on the list should be re-numbered.

6. **Ms. Kvalsøren** (Norway) asked about the origins of the concept of non-ministerial days.

7. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that those days had been so designated in order to clearly distinguish them from the three ministerial days to be held during the Council's high-level segment. Nonetheless, if the designation gave delegations cause for concern, it could be modified with the President's agreement.

8. **The President** said that the Council would revert to the standard formulation contained in the resolution. He took it that the Council wished to adopt the draft decision, as orally revised.

9. *It was so decided.*

10. *Draft decision E/2014/L.1, as orally revised, was adopted.*

11. **The President** requested the Secretariat to revise document E/2014/1 and re-issue it as E/2014/1/Rev.1, to reflect the latest information approved by the Council. The Bureau had reached agreement with regard to its division of responsibilities for the 2014 substantive session. He himself would conduct the high-level segment and the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, as well as the organizational session regarding the programme of work of the Council for July 2014 to July 2015; Mr. García González (El Salvador), Vice President, would conduct the operational activities segment; Mr. Drobnjak (Croatia), Vice-President, would conduct the integration segment; Mr. Dabbashi (Libya), Vice President, would conduct the humanitarian affairs segment; and Mr. Joon Oh (Republic of Korea), Vice-President, would conduct the coordination and general segment.

12. The proposed theme for the Council's operational activities segment, to be held from 24 to 26 February 2014, was: "The changing landscape of development cooperation: What does it mean for the United Nations system?" The proposed theme for the integration segment, to be held from 27 May to 29 May 2014, was

"sustainable urbanization; while the proposed theme for the humanitarian affairs segment and the special event on the transition from relief to development, to be held from 23 to 25 June 2014, was still being discussed by the Bureau.

13. He took it that the Council wished to adopt the proposed themes of the various segments.

14. *It was so decided.*

15. **The President** said he took it that the Council wished to take note of the documentation for the provisional programme of work for the Council for 2014 (E/2014/2).

16. *It was so decided.*

Draft decision E/2014/L.2: "Appointment of an additional member of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti"

17. **The President** invited the Council to consider the draft decision entitled: "Appointment of an additional member of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti" (E/2014/L.2), which proposed the appointment of the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations to the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti. The draft decision contained no programme budget implications.

18. *Draft decision E/2014/L.2 was adopted.*

19. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that the Secretariat was making arrangements for the use of ECOSOCPlace, a secure online workspace. More detailed information on ECOSOCPlace was being circulated to delegations, along with a registration form. As an additional service, all official documentation would be available on the PaperSmart portal that would be set up for the upcoming meetings of the Council.

The meeting rose at 3.35 p.m.